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Lisa Jones**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application

Applicant:	Shlomo Gabbay	Art Unit:	3738
Serial No.:	09/973,609	Examiner:	B. Pellegrino
Filed:	October 9, 2001		
Title:	IMPLANTATION SYSTEM FOR IMPLANTATION OF A HEART VALVE PROSTHESIS		

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated July 2, 2003, Applicant through its undersigned attorney makes an election in the above-identified patent application. In particular, Applicant

elects: Species VI (FIG. 18) from the grouping entitled "valvular prosthesis" and Species C (FIGS. 19, 20) from the grouping entitled "Means to deploy the heart valve prosthesis."

The following claims are readable on the elected species VI (FIG. 18): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 5, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60.

The following claims are readable on the elected species C (FIGS. 19, 20): 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 5, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60.

A substantive examination of the above-identified patent application on its merits is respectfully requested. Since most (if not all) of the above claims, which are readable on the elected species, are also readable on the non-elected species, it is presumed that searching conducted by the Office in this case will consider the breadth of all the pending claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No additional fees should be due for the additional claims in view of the cancellation of other claims from the subject application. In the event any fees are due in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

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